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Sir:	Transmitted herewith for filing is the [X] Utility [] Design [X] nonprovisional [] provisional patent application of:
nv	ventor / Application Identifier: Thomas NIEHR, et al.
[x]	See Inventor Information Sheet attached
or	r: METHOD FOR STERILIZING PET BOTTLES
x]	This is a new patent application. This is the 35 U.S.C. 371 National Stage Application of the above-identified PCT Application. This is a provisional patent application.
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